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3. A Pakistani foreign ministry spokesman, in announcing Premier Kosygin's offer of good offices and suggestion that Ayub and Shastri meet to discuss their difficulties, said that Pakistan is "very appreciative of the offer" and that "it is receiving our earnest consideration." In addition, Pakistani foreign ministry sources are quoted as saying that Kosygin's message to Ayub was regarded as "very important and highly significant."

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4. Pakistani Finance Minister Shoaib, in conversation with Ambassador McConaughy today, said he was greatly encouraged by the increasing moderation of President Ayub's attitude, having had a long private session with him the previous evening. He described Ayub as disenchanted with Foreign Minister Bhutto's reckless adventurism, grieved at Pakistani losses, strongly averse to entering into any Chinese Communist association, and open to a sensible compromise way out. Shoaib, recognizing India's adamancy against a Kashmir plebiscite and Pakistan's inability to live with a simple cease-fire and freezing of the status quo ante, suggested as a minimum alternative a provision in a UN Security Council resolution calling for settlement of all principal outstanding issues between India and Pakistan, "including Kashmir" or "such as Kashmir."

5. Shoaib's recommendation would appear to be met in the draft resolution of the Security Council now under consideration.

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